release of second instalment of funds under JRY to any district is made only after the audit report for the year before the previous year is submitted to the Government of India.

The State Governments, have also been directed to draw up a programme of inspection of JRY works by senior officers, from the State/District/Block Level who are required to inspect the works in the village/district at a frequeney decided by the State Level Coordination Committee and take necessary action not only to improve the quality of work but also to punish those responsible for any irregularity. Directions have also been given to the Project Directors, DRDAs, during the annual workshops, to deal firmly with the cases of mis-appropriation, embezzlement of funds etc.

Whenever complaints of mis-utilisation of JRY funds are received, they are referred to the State Government for investigation & appropriate action, under intimation to the Government of India.

Drinking water supply projects submitted by A. P. Government

4372. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the drinking water supply projects proposals submitted by Government of Andhra Pradesh which are presently pending with Ministry of Rural Development;

(b) whether their respective Project Reports were sent by Government of Andhra Pradesh for sanction; and

(c) tentative date of approval are sanction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) One project for providing drinking water to certain pollution affected villages in Medak district of Andhra Pradesh is pending with the Ministry of Rural Development. Seven projects were returned to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for certain technical clarifications.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Medak project with the revised project cost of Rs. 160 lakhs is under technical scrutiny in consultation with the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The decision of the Central Government is likely to be conveyed to the State Government within a period of three months.

Proposal for rural link roads under J. R. Y.

4373. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted a project proposal for Rural Link Roads under J. R. Y. with a outlay of Rs. 193 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Special Project for construction of rural roads has been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh with an estimated cost of Rs. 193.00 crores spread over a period of two years. It has been proposed to provide communication facilities to 4206 villages generating 526.36 lakh mandays of employment during the project period.

(c) The proposal is under examination in this Ministry.

Discrimination against women

4374. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there exists discrimination against women under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in Violation of the guidelines of equal remuneration for men and women; and

(b) if so, the States where the Centre has intervened for taking corrective measures as laid down in the guidelines and the outcome of that intervention ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) No Sir. Specific provision has been made under JRY guidelines to pay equal remuneration to men and women workers for the same work or works of a similar nature. So far, it has come to the notice of the Centre Government that Kerala Govt. was discriminating in the payment of wages to male and female workers under JRY. They were paying Rs. 27 to male workers and Rs. 23 to female workers for the same type of work. The matter was taken up

with the State Govt. and they have now been paying an equal wage rate of Rs. 27 to male as well as female workers under JRY.

4375. *[Transferred to 27th August, 1993.]*

Implementation of Mangal Dev Visharad Committee Recommendations

4376. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state Government's stand on the land to landless and the implementation of the Mangal Dev Visharad Committee recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) *(SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR)*: Information is being collected from the State Government of Punjab and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of rural courts in the Country

4377. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up rural courts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where such courts are to be set up;

(d) the stage at which the matter of setting up such courts stands at present;

(e) whether they will be the same as 'Lok Adalats'; and

(f) whether Government are planning to revive and revitalise the organisation of 'Nyaya Panchayats' in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

(f) In the conference of Ministers and Secretaries incharge of panchayats of States and Union Territories held on July 3, 1993, it was suggested that Nyaya Panchayats may form a part of the proposed State Legislations on Panchayati Raj or may be legislated seperately. However, this being a State subject, it is for the States to take a decision on the revival and revitalisation of Nyaya Panchayats.

Desert Development Programme in Himachal Pradesh

4378. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been achieved under Desert Development Programme in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether the progress so made commensurate with the projected plan;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite spending crores of rupees nothing substantial has been achieved; and

(d) whether the Central Government would consider to seek techical know-how from countries like Israel, who have made a success story of D. D. Programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) The financial performance and physical achievements under the Desert Development Programme in Himachal Pradesh since inception upto 31st March, 1993 were as under—

Financial Performance:

	(Rs. in lakhs)
Allocation	1943.50
Expenditure	1908.43

Physical Achievements:

S. No.	Core Sector Activities	Area treated (in 00' hects.)
1.	Land Resources Development	33.34
2.	Water Resources Development	27.78
3.	Afforestation & Pasture Development	68.66

(d) At present there is no proposal to seek technical know-how from Israel or any other country under Desert Development Programme in Himachal Pradesh.

Financial assistance for drought affected areas of Orissa

4379. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: